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FROM: David Y. McManis  
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SUBJECT: Washington Area Operations-Intelligence Center Chiefs  
(WAOCC) Conference Minutes

1. The WAOCC Conference held its quarterly meeting on 27 January 1984 at the Department of the Treasury. Special thanks are due to Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for National Security, Douglas P. Mulholland, Mr. Arthur Long, and Ms. Fran Lawson for their expertise and hospitality in hosting our group. The list of attendees is at Attachment 1.

2. Mr. Long's presentation highlighted the numerous functional areas that interface with the responsibilities of other watch centers including counterterrorism, economic warning, drug enforcement and Secret Service activities. Discussion on the application of Defense Attache reporting to Treasury Department responsibilities indicated that additional report dissemination may be mutually beneficial to Treasury and DIA. NIO/Warning will work with DIA and Treasury to improve a selective attache report flow.

3. NSA representatives presented a videotape and briefing on the CRITIC system and reporting problems. NSA agreed to provide the State Department with a copy of the videotape for distribution to locations around the world and to coordinate NSA Communications Maintenance Support to a State Department critic circuit. The procedural problem of retransmission of CRITIC messages that unnecessarily loads the communications system was highlighted. The increase in CRITIC reporting due to the US deployment in Lebanon was judged to be a necessary and important use of the CRITIC system. Dave McManis and [redacted] will continue the dialogue on CRITIC use and system performance.

4. [redacted] presented the status of the NOIWON Upgrade Program. User requirements have been submitted to DCA, and the ICS has included NOIWON in proposed DCI guidance for FY86. NIO/Warning is also coordinating NOIWON and other center interface systems in the Washington area with DDCI. [redacted] also indicated that the Geographic/Cartographic data base project is proceeding smoothly. Major funding for the data base will be borne by DMA. A fallout result will be standardized worldwide distribution of the data base developed for the White House and the WAOCC community. The next step will be selection of an automated system and/or modification to existing software at user sites.

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5. [ ] briefed the center chiefs on the mission and activities of the Defense Mobilization Preparedness Agency (DMPA). All were pleased to receive necessary details and clearances on subjects that could impact their center operations. NIO/Warning will work with DMPA to help develop procedures for an effective interface with Washington centers.

6. [ ] briefed the group on the progress of the Counterterrorism analyst net that will be operational to 11 nodes on 6 February 1984.

7. Dave McManis discussed his trip to the Pacific Theater highlighting the emphasis on counterterrorism there and communications problems. He also reviewed the Executive Team Building Seminar being held for center chiefs on 21-23 February 1984 and requested firm commitments to attend be sent to his office.

8. [ ] asked the group for renewed support for the Defense Intelligence College Indications and Warning Course. Members from NMIC, NMCC, NSOC (and DEFSMAC), NOIC, CIA and State indicated their willingness to provide orientations and to send the name of their point of contact to O/NIO/Warning.

9. The next meeting originally scheduled for early April will be rescheduled due to conflicts with major exercises.



David Y. McManis

Attachment:  
List of Attendees

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